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1. A method of sending a remote order by a customer to a business, the method comprising:

creating a remote order on a transmitter for a product or a service; and
transmitting the order via a signal sent by the transmitter, wherein the signal is within the receiving area of and detectable by a receiver in communication with the business, thereby allowing the business to receive and transform the signal back to the original order.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitter is a personal data assistant.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitter is a device that has no other substantial use other than to submit such a signal.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitter has an identifying code, the code also being included in the signal.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the business can identify the customer according to the code.

6. A method of processing a remote order transmitted by a customer, the method comprising:

detecting a remote signal transmitted by a transmitter, the signal containing the order by the customer;

translating the signal to obtain the order; and
performing a task according to the order.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the transmitter is a personal data assistant.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the transmitter is a device that has no other substantial use other than to submit such a signal.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the transmitter has an identifying code, the code also being included in the signal.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the business can identify the customer according to the code.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:
wherein the step of performing the task occurs before the customer arrives at the business.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the task includes preparing a food order for the customer to pick up.

13. A system for processing a remote order, the system comprising:
a transmitter for transmitting a signal containing an original order created by a customer;
a receiver for receiving the signal from the transmitter when the signal is within a receiving area;
a translator for translating the signal to a translated order, the signal also containing an identifying code; and
a reading device to allow an employee of the business to read the translated order and identifying code, thereby processing the original order.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the identifying code is unique to the transmitter.

15. The system of claim 13, wherein the identifying code is unique to the customer.

16. The system of claim 13, wherein the transmitter is a personal data assistant.

17. The system of claim 13, wherein the transmitter is a device that has no other substantial use other than to submit such a signal.

18. The system of claim 13, wherein the transmitter is located inside of a vehicle.

19. The system of claim 13, wherein the translator also contains a database of identifying codes that correlate a transmitter with a customer.

20. The system of claim 13, wherein the translator assigns a cost to the customer associated with the processing of the order.

21. The system of claim 20, wherein the costs are automatically charged to an account of the customer.

22. A system for processing a remote order, the system comprising:
means for transmitting a signal containing an original order created by a customer;
means for receiving the signal from the transmitter when the signal is within a receiving area;
means for translating the signal to a translated order, the signal also containing an identifying code; and
means for reading to allow an employee of the business to read the translated order and identifying code, thereby processing the original order.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein the identifying code is unique to the transmitter.
24. The system of claim 22, wherein the identifying code is unique to the customer.
25. The system of claim 22, wherein the means for transmitting is a personal data assistant.
26. The system of claim 22, wherein the means for transmitting is a device that has no other substantial use other than to submit such a signal.
27. The system of claim 22, wherein the means for transmitting is located inside of a vehicle.
28. The system of claim 22, wherein the means for translating also contains a database of identifying codes that correlate a means for transmitting with a customer.
29. The system of claim 22, wherein the means for translating assigns a cost to the customer associated with the processing of the order.

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